IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claims 1 and 3 as shown in the following listing of claims, which replaces all previous listings and versions of claims.

1. (currently amended) A snow removal machine, comprising:

an auger for collecting snow;

a blower provided in a blower housing for throwing up the collected snow;

a drive shaft for rotating the auger and the blower; and

a chute for guiding the thrown-up snow for throwing the snow onto a desired location;

wherein the blower comprises a plurality of supporting members provided radially on the drive shaft and having ~~linear~~ flat distal end portions inclined in a direction opposite to a direction of rotation of the blower, and a plurality of resilient elastically deformable throwing-up blades having proximal end portions attached to the respective supporting members in the vicinity of the inclined ~~linear~~ flat distal end portions of the supporting members and blade bodies extending radially outward from the respective proximal end portions, each of the inclined ~~linear~~ flat distal end portions

of the supporting members and a corresponding one of the blade bodies of the throwing-up blades defining therebetween a generally triangular space so as to allow the throwing-up blade to undergo bending only about the proximal end portion thereof while keeping the blade body free from deformation until the blade body comes in contact with the inclined ~~linear~~ flat distal end portion of the supporting member.

2. (previously presented) A snow removal machine as set forth in claim 1, wherein the throwing-up blades are detachably attached to the respective supporting members.

3. (currently amended) A snow removal machine as set forth in claim 1, wherein the inclined ~~linear~~ flat distal end portion of each supporting member is formed in a downward slope from a rear side edge to a front side edge or vice versa so that after the blade body of each throwing-up blade comes in contact with the inclined ~~linear~~ flat distal end portion of the corresponding supporting member, a front side edge or a rear side edge of the blade body is elastically deformable in a twisted state about the downward slope of the inclined ~~linear~~ flat distal end portion in the direction opposite to the direction of rotation of the blower.

4. (previously presented) A snow removal machine comprising:

an auger for collecting snow;

a blower provided in a blower housing for throwing up the collected snow;

a drive shaft for rotating the auger and the blower; and

a chute for guiding the thrown-up snow for throwing the snow onto a desired location;

the blower comprising a plurality of supporting members provided radially on the drive shaft, and a plurality of elastically deformable throwing-up blades attached to the respective supporting members;

wherein a vacant space is formed between the supporting members and the throwing-up blades so as to allow elastic deformation of the throwing-up blades in a direction opposite to a direction of rotation, and

wherein each supporting member has an opening for allowing snow left on the supporting member to fall therethrough after the throwing-up blade throws up snow.

5. (previously presented) A snow removal machine, comprising:

an auger for collecting snow;

a blower provided in a blower housing for throwing up the collected snow;

a drive shaft for rotating the auger and the blower; and

a chute for guiding the thrown-up snow for throwing the snow onto a desired location;

wherein the blower comprises a plurality of supporting members provided radially on the drive shaft and having distal end portions inclined in a direction opposite to a direction of rotation of the blower, and a plurality of resilient elastically deformable throwing-up blades having proximal end portions attached to the respective supporting members in the vicinity of the inclined distal end portions of the supporting members and blade bodies extending radially outward from the respective proximal end portions, each of the inclined distal end portions of the supporting members and a corresponding one of the blade bodies of the throwing-up blades defining therebetween a generally triangular space so as to allow the throwing-up blade to undergo bending about the proximal end portion thereof while keeping the blade body free

from deformation until the blade body comes in contact with the inclined distal end portion of the supporting member; and

wherein each supporting member has an opening for allowing snow left on the supporting member to fall therethrough after the throwing-up blade throws up snow.